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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes for each page including changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes on sheets 3 and 4. The changes are to Fig. 6, wherein element 128 has been deleted and Fig. 10, wherein the loops 142 on the branch 138 are on the interior surface of the branch to allowing engagement with the hooks 134 on the main component.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets 3/4 and 4/4 Showing Changes